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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU CLARIFIES RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PART 22 PAGING LICENSEES FILING ELECTRONIC RENEWALS IN UNIVERSAL LICENSING SYSTEM

Form 900 Electronic Renewal Not Available in ULS

On June 1, 1998, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau commenced use of the Universal Licensing System (ULS) for all processing of applications in the Part 22 Paging and Radiotelephone Service (Part 22 paging). ULS provides significant benefits for Part 22 paging licensees, including the fast and easy filing of electronic renewal applications on FCC Form 601, which has been designed specifically for electronic filing in ULS, and the automated processing of such applications.

The Bureau has become aware that some Part 22 paging licensees have attempted to file renewals in ULS using FCC Form 900, an electronic renewal form that was developed by the Bureau as an interim measure to enable wireless licensees to renew their licenses electronically prior to the development and implementation of ULS. However, Form 900 is not part of the ULS and thus applications filed in this manner cannot be automatically processed by the ULS. Therefore, to speed processing of renewal applications, we clarify that Part 22 paging licensees seeking to file renewals electronically must file their applications on Form 601, and that Form 900 is no longer available for such applications. We note that Form 900 continues to be available on an interim basis for renewals in wireless services that have not been converted to ULS (*i.e.*, all wireless services other than Part 22 paging). As the ULS is implemented over the coming months, we will make electronic renewals available via Form 601 and discontinue the use of Form 900 on a service-by-service basis.

For general information about filing electronic renewals in ULS, and for answers to frequently asked questions regarding submitting applications, remitting fees, finding the status of pending applications, and searching the ULS database, we recommend that you first consult the ULS webpage at http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls. Those having specific questions not addressed on the webpage may contact Bureau staff via phone or email as

¹ See "Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces New Procedures for Filing Part 22 Paging Applications in Universal Licensing System (ULS) Starting June 1, 1998," *Public Notice*, May 22, 1998.

² See "Electronic Filing Available for Wireless Telecommunications Bureau License Renewal Applications," *Public Notice*, October 2, 1997.

³ Part 22 paging renewal applications that have already been filed using Form 900 will be processed and licensees will not be required to refile, provided such applications were timely filed within the 30-day renewal window. Part 22 paging licensees may also file renewal applications manually using FCC Form 405.

described below.

<u>FCC Technical Support Hotline</u> -- (202) 414-1250. Contact Technical Support if you have questions about accessing ULS from your computer, registering your Taxpayer Identification Number, uploading files, or submitting attachments in ULS. The FCC Technical Support Hotline is available Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET. In order to better serve ULS users and ensure the security of the electronic filing system, all calls to Technical Support are recorded.

<u>ULS Licensing Support Team</u> -- (202) 418-7ULS (418-7857) or via email at bwoodwar@fcc.gov. Contact Licensing Support if you have questions about which application purpose(s) are appropriate for a particular filing, what information is being requested on a ULS Form or Schedule, or any other licensing matter related to ULS. Licensing Support is available Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET.

Action by the Chief, Commercial Wireless Division.